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Presented for filing is a new continuation patent application of:

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Title: METHOD OF FORMING A TRANSPARENT WINDOW IN A POLISHING PAD

The prior application is assigned of record to Applied Materials, Inc., a Delaware corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on December 16, 1996 at 8272/0365.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	Pages
Specification	45
Claims (21 Total Claims and 4 Independent Claims after Preliminary Amendment)	3
Abstract	1
Declaration	4
Drawing(s)	19

Enclosures:

- Preliminary amendment, 9 pages.
- Two Postcards.

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/519,156, filed March 6, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/258,504, filed February 26, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/689,930, filed August 16, 1996, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/605,769, filed February 22, 1996, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/413,982, filed March 28, 1995. The disclosures of the prior applications are

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considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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